



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Public Works Crews Prepare for Season with “Snow Road-eo”

Gaithersburg, MD – (October 11, 2019) Gaithersburg and Rockville Public Works crews have begun preparing for the upcoming winter weather season with a “Snow Road-eo,” which took place on Thursday, October 10, 2019. The annual team-building event features two components: a jurisdictional challenge, hosted this year by the City of Gaithersburg, and a City Championship event between Gaithersburg teams.

The Challenge consisted of 24 teams from Gaithersburg and Rockville competing in an obstacle course. The course especially challenges the participants to operate large machinery in very tight spaces, something they encounter regularly when plowing courts and newer developments with on street parking. The winners were based on the total team scores of all 12 teams from each jurisdiction. With a score of 8,595 points, Rockville took top honors, besting the Gaithersburg score by a mere 115 points. The City of Gaithersburg won the Challenge in 2017 and 2018.

“The true winners of this fun-filled training day are the residents of both Rockville and Gaithersburg,” says Gaithersburg Public Works Operations Administrator Sean Stevens. “Both of our teams will be prepared to handle whatever Mother Nature throws at us this year.”

For the Snow Road-eo Championship portion, City of Gaithersburg teams competed in timed, scored events that included a written test, pre-trip truck inspections and an obstacle course. Bobby Cox and Jeff Sirk came in first place, followed by Al Guzman and Edwin Alvarez in second, and Brian Stream and Jacob Fagan in third. The City of Rockville also awarded their 2019 Snow Road-eo Champions, which were Jake Harrison and Trevor Davis.

As Public Works crews get ready to combat snow, residents are reminded to do their part as well. Read about how you can prepare for a winter storm in Gaithersburg and find snow removal information and updates on the City’s website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov. Also, follow us on Facebook and Twitter @GburgMD for winter weather updates, and subscribe to Alert Gaithersburg for emergency notifications.

Not sure who is responsible for plowing which streets in Gaithersburg? The Maryland Department of Transportation maintains an online map service that allows residents to enter a street address and learn which agency (state, county or local municipality) is responsible for road maintenance. It is available at www.mdot.maryland.gov/knowyourroads.html.

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In addition to snow removal, Gaithersburg's Department of Public Works maintains all City facilities, supervises construction, reviews storm water management, sediment control and drainage projects, maintains and beautifies City streets, buildings and parks, administers the City's bulk pick up, recycling and fleet maintenance programs, and a host of other activities. For more information, call 301-258-6370 or visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

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